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Greensburg Water Tower Project Dedicated USDA Rural Development Partners In Funding

Topeka, KS – The City of Greensburg dedicated their new City Water Tower this past Saturday during the community's recognition of the one-year anniversary marking the May 4, 2007 tornado. City Administrator Steve Hewitt thanked FEMA, USDA Rural Development, the State of Kansas and the eight other partners for their part in the funding and construction of the new 100,000 gallon water storage tower.

"Completion of Greensburg's new water tower is a significant step forward in this community long-term recovery. USDA Rural Development appreciates the opportunity to be involved in such an important project, and applauds the many other partners who stepped forward to fund and complete this project in record time," commented State Director Banks.

USDA Rural Development funding approval for Greensburg consisted of a \$170,000 grant and was leveraged with \$57,000 City contribution, \$252,750 FEMA funding, \$112,000 Insurance proceeds, \$50,550 Kansas Emergency Funds, and \$33,700 in KDEM funds. The total project cost was \$676,000. The City's contribution was made possible by funds donated by Rotary Club, South Central Community Foundation, and from funds donated by Kansas cities and rural water districts from across the state thru the Kansas Rural Water Association. The water tower was designed by Professional Engineering Consultants, P.A. and constructed by Maguire Iron, Inc..

Senator Pat Roberts commenting on the event said, "The partnership of The City of Greensburg and USDA Rural Development should be commended for facilitating cooperation with a very diverse group of stakeholders including FEMA, the state, and the Rotary Club to make the water tower possible," Senator Roberts said. "Through their efforts, the tower will be twice as big as the previous tower and extends the reach of funds from the special congressional appropriation we obtained for USDA Rural Development's Greensburg recovery efforts."

Congressman Jerry Moran said in previous remarks, "Each day, the people of Greensburg are one step closer to rebuilding their community. Replacing the City's water tower is an important component of that effort. I thank Director Banks and USDA Rural Development for their important role in the rebuilding process and in the lives of Greensburg residents."

During the dedication ceremony, State Director Banks thanked the Kansas Congressional Delegation for their continued support of USDA Rural Development's Greensburg recovery efforts, along with the many other Agency programs that benefit the entire State of Kansas.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs that support increasing economic opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for rural Americans. As a venture capital entity, USDA Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure in rural America. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development has delivered over \$1.2 billion for Kansas covering all Agency programs, supporting well over \$6 billion in future economic development for the Sunflower State.

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